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**REMARKS**

The claims have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph and Applicant has obviated the rejection by amending claims 10 and 25 to depend from Claim 2 and cancelling claims 15, 24 and 42.

The claims have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph because of recitations in Claim 2. To overcome the rejection, Applicant has amended Claim 2 wherein the claim now contains the limitations of Claim 44.

Furthermore, Applicant has provided new Claim 45 containing the limitations of claims 2 and 6 (the embodiment of Figs. 15 and 16) and amended Claim 44 to depend from Claim 45.

Moreover, Applicant has provided new claims 46 and 47. Claim 46 is directed to the unification of the distal gear with the press member, so that thrust generated by the cam mechanism can be surely transmitted to the press member to surely cause engagement of the frictional multiplate clutch. Claim 47 is directed to the detachment of the proximal gear from the output shaft, to simplify or facilitate manufacturing the coupling.


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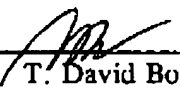
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The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee(s) deficiency  
or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper  
form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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